

November 18, 1999

**PETITION TO CONVENE A CONTESTED
CASE PROCEEDING TO ESTABLISH
PERMANENT PRICES FOR INTERCONNECTION
AND UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS**

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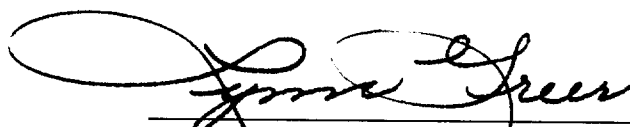
This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“Authority”) upon BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.’s (“BellSouth”) Motion for Extension of Time to File Cost Studies (“Motion”) filed on November 8, 1999. In its Motion, BellSouth requests an extension until December 1, 1999 to file its cost studies in compliance with the Authority’s Order issued on November 3, 1999. The order provided that the cost studies would be filed no later than fourteen (14) days after the entry of the Order. On November 12, 1999, BellSouth filed a letter with the Authority stating that it had not received any objections to its Motion. Afterward, BellSouth advised General Counsel for the Authority that it had contacted all parties and that all parties were in agreement with the granting of BellSouth’s Motion and in agreement with the Hearing Officer, Director Lynn Greer, entering an Order on BellSouth’s Motion. According to BellSouth, Counsel for AT&T of the South Central States, Inc. agreed to the extension provided that AT&T would likewise have an extension until December 1, 1999 to file its cost studies in compliance with the Authority’s Order of November 3, 1999.

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Pursuant to the agreement of the parties, Director Lynn Greer, acting as Hearing Officer, considered BellSouth's Motion. Finding that all parties agree to permit BellSouth an additional fourteen (14) days to file cost studies and AT&T requesting the same amount of time to file its cost studies, the Hearing Officer grants BellSouth's Motion and permits BellSouth and AT&T until December 1, 1999 to file their compliant cost studies.¹

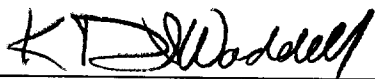
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Motion For Extension Of Time To File Cost Studies is hereby granted.
2. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and AT&T of the South Central States, Inc. shall have until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 1999 to file their cost studies in compliance with the Authority's November 3, 1999 Order in this docket.
3. Any party aggrieved by the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration within ten (10) days of the date of this Order.



H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director
Acting As Hearing Officer

ATTEST:



K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary

¹ In granting the extensions, the Hearing Officer notes that the Authority's original Order directing that cost studies be filed was entered on January 25, 1999. Further, the Authority deliberated on the petitions for reconsideration on April 20, 1999 and a transcript reflecting the Authority's decisions effecting the filing of the cost studies has been available to the parties since April 22, 1999. In this regard, BellSouth has had ample notice of what would be required in its cost studies.